

Electronic Public Comments Log		
In addition to holding seven public hearings across the state, the general public were also given the opportunity to provide comments electronic to the Lead Agency. The electronic process was included in advertisements for the public hearings, explained at each hearing and on the Child Care website. The comments submitted electronically are provided below.		
Date	Name	Comments
4/24/2009	Katrina Y. Carter	I feel that it is hard to attain funding for families that genuinely need the funds. It appears that a parent that is currently on TANF will attain funds faster than a single mother that is working 40 hours per week and is asking for assistance to try to remain gainfully employed. My question for allowing TANF recipients first priority is: Where is the logic in that? I have struggled with The Department of Family and Children Services trying to attain childcare assistance. I am a single mother working hard and I have been spending about \$400 per month on childcare, when you factor in shelter, clothes and other items where does that leave additional room for survival. The issue that I have with that is, I am trying my best to remain out of the system and all I am asking for, is childcare assistance to help with that and I am not able to attain it. It appears that this system is set up for failure. If I were on TANF, I would be able to receive free healthcare, rental assistance and childcare. The single-mother that is working hard and trying to remain out the system receives nothing. That perplexes me. I have contacted the Governor's office about the matter as well because I want an answer.
4/24/2009	J Helen Pitman	Dear State Plan Comments: Would you like more website traffic? We will send you a free site assessment and show you how we can get your site listed higher on all the major search engines (Google, AOL, Yahoo!, MSN, AltaVista) Please confirm this by emailing jhelenpitman@gmail.com and include your preferred contact information in your reply. Sincerely, Strategic Media
5/11/2009	Laurita P Jones	My name is Laurita P. Jones, I would like to know why Dekalb County do not have a subsidized child care program for grandmother younger than 60 years old who care for their grand children's? I have been trying to get subsidized childcare for TWO YEARS. I've spoken with Ms Braswell, Ms Blunt, Ms Brewer, Joyce Darrisaw, Ms Phillips, Ms Brice, Mrs. Carson-Ferguson and I tried to contact Mr. Solomon the Director of DHR to no avail, not one person would call me to discuss this case (this is sad to have people in place whom don't want to work just receive a paycheck). I also had the Director from Rockdale County DHR to contact Ms Braswell, no one contacted me concerning this matter, but someone from CCDF/DHR contacted the child care provider I have in January 2009 to see if I was paying her, but no one have contacted me. I would appreciate if someone would take a moment to contact me @ 770-482-9220 (h) 404-663-1336 (cell), ritajones1@bellsouth.net or by US Mail 6711 Grey Rock Way Lithonia GA 30058. Thank you

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5/19/2009	Lee Broxton	I really appreciate the fact that the state plan has more focus on working with other state agencies and disaster preparedness groups to ensure that the early childhood programs are up to date and kept "in the loop" when it comes to emergency planning because as it is often said, better to be safe than sorry, and this rings especially true in the case of any child. I would also like to know more information on how the on-line screening would work for this program.
5/22/2009	Monique Folston	While the state has made important progress, the Coalition believes that further progress can and must be made in the next two years through the State's 2010-2011 CCDF Plan, in these area: Expand Access, Make Work Pay, Promote Quality and Provide Transparency.
5/22/2009	Korynn Schooley	GAIC has reveiwed the draft plan and provides the following recommendations: Update the CAPS income eligibility definition from 2005 to 2009 poverty levels and update the definition annually; Provide up to 12 weeks for current CAPS recipients to search for new employment;Enhance to DHR's and localDFCS offices' ability to plan by including number and ages of children on CAPS waiting lists and make the information publicly available on DHR's website at reasonable intervals; When families are informed of an available subsidy, provide reasonable time to respond and appropriate notice; Waive the co-payment for all families under 100% of the current federal poverty level; Support high-level professional development initiatives for school-age providers; Coordinate professional development initiatives for school-age providers with similar efforts by Georgia Dept of Edu and DHR; Establish a professional development advisory group to implement and grow DECAL's professional development plan and Allow professional serving school-age children to participate in the Scholarships and Incentives programs.